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REMARKS**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

The apparatus disclosed by Taylor, which examiner relies upon to supply a securing lip in combination with Kewin, is for 5 the purpose of protecting the ends of paper in paper rolls from damage during shipping. The illustrated flanges do not by themselves provide the necessary pressure to secure the side ends of the paper roll, which is an object of applicant's invention.

Particularly, as made clear in Taylor, page 2, left column, 10 lines 4-7: "Bands or wires **21** of metal or other appropriate material, are secured about the applied heads or rather about the flanges **13** of the heads to secure same in place." So, Taylor's flanges clearly serve a protective role, but they do not alone 15 secure the paper ends. To secure the ends, additional material, i.e., "[b]ands or wires **21** of metal or other appropriate material, are secured about . . . the flanges **13**."

Independent apparatus claim 1 is therefore amended to recite that "pressure for securing said side ends is provided by said paper retention caps; and no additional material is secured about 20 said paper retention caps to provide said pressure." Independent method claim 7 is amended to specify the step of: "providing pressure for securing said side ends using said paper retention caps, without securing any additional material about said paper retention caps to provide said pressure."

25 These amendments clearly distinguish past Taylor's caps, which clearly do not provide the necessary securing function on their own, but which are merely protective. This is further

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buttressed by Taylor's claims, which all focus on the end caps protecting the paper, but which do not mention any securing function because the securing is provided by "other appropriate material . . . secured about . . . the flanges **13**" and not by the 5 flanges themselves.

Consequently, claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the prior art of record, and applicant respectfully requests allowance at this time.

The remaining claims are allowable by virtue of their 10 dependence on allowable claims 1 and 7, as well as by virtue of their additional recited points of novelty and nonobviousness which do not need enumeration here.

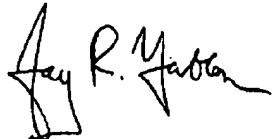
Conclusion

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Having overcome all rejections of record based on all prior art of record, applicant respectfully requests allowance of all claims at this time, and looks forward to receiving a notice of allowance in the near future.

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Respectfully submitted,



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